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1. IEG HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE OFFER SET FORTH IN PARA 3 REFTEL B. IEG HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED OF FY74 GRANT MAP LEVEL.

2. RE PARA 4, REFTEL B, ENTIRE SUBJECT OF FUTURE IEMF EXPENDITURES IN CONSIDERABLE FLUX DUE TO DEVELOPMENT OF IEG AUSTERITY BUDGET BY NEW GOVERNMENT TO COVER RECENTLY APPROVED PERSONNEL COST INCREASES. HOWEVER, IEMF HAS STATED THAT IF IEG ULTIMATELY DECIDES TO ACCEPT FY 74 FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE OFFER, THEY WILL USE IT TO BUY M60 TANKS, AS RECOMMENDED BY CMAAG. A BALANCE BUY WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY:

A. ELEVEN EACH M60A1 TANKS \$3,468,795

B. 105 MM TANK AMMO 230,298

C. ASSOCIATED SPARE PARTS FOR M60-Q TANK 1,300,907

TOTAL \$5,000,000

(POSIBILITY OF COVERING HMS ETHIOPIA LABOR COSTS THROUGH FMS

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CREDIT (REF C) HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH IEG. IF APPROVED,

CMAAG WILL RECOMMEND IT WITH AN AMENDED TANK BUY.)

3. FINAL IEG DECISION TO ACCEPT FY74 FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE OFFER WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON TERMS OFFERED. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT TERMS BE AS CONCESSIONAL AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT THEY BE PROVIDED IEG AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

4. RE PARA 6, REF B, IEMF HAS STATED THAT THEY WILL BUY SIDEWINDER IF THEY MUST. THEREFORE IT IS EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT CASH SALE OFFER FOR THIS ITEM WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY IEG.
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